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BAZAAR OPENS

Catholic Bazaar Begins an Auspicious Season.
ATTENDANCE IS GOOD
Lively Interest Taken in the Popular Contest—Big Entertainment Tonight.

The Catholic fair opened in Armory hall last evening under auspicious circumstances. All the space in the big hall is taken up with booths, and the entire interior is profusely decorated. By 8 o'clock last night the many happy visitors were present, moving restlessly about the main promenade floor, patronizing the booths, dining at the refreshment tables, listening to explanations of matters by the pretty maidens and the more matronly ones in attendance, and having all the amusement to be found at a church fair.

A lively interest was taken in the contest for a diamond ring to be given to the most popular lady, for the gold nugget bracelet to be given to the most popular young lady, and for the silk umbrella to be given to the most popular gentleman. The contests will close tonight.

The first thing to attract the visitor's attention on the right as he enters the big hall is the fish pond, presided over by Miss Mabel Dowie. Next comes the post office, kept by Miss Wright, and next is the large department of fancy work, in charge of Mesdames Milliken, Johnson, Grigore and Miss Barry.

The fancy work department contains many articles dear to the feminine heart and the little ones, and is beneath a canopy of softly blending yellow and white.

At the farthest end of the hall from the entrance is a candy booth, set attractively beneath four streamers of bunting caught together at the top and leading to the respective corners. This booth is in the care of Mrs. E. B. Quinn and Miss Hazel Cleveland.

On the left side of the hall is the large refreshment booth, in charge of Mesdames Rieve, Ledgerwood, Farrell, Dowie and Findley. The booth is beautifully decorated with bunting, flags and Japanese lanterns. Palms are among the general decorations of the house.

In the contest for the general prizes the winners are as follows:
Parlor lamp, Mr. West.
Silk waist, Mr. Felitz.
Sterling silver knives and forks, Mrs. Ledgerwood.
Virginia Fair, Lena Roxford.
Helen Gould, Phil Abrahams.
Tall case, Mrs. C. S. Higby.
Zither, Albert Ronkendorf.
Gent's shoes, Mr. Corway.
Ladies' shoes, Mrs. O. S. Seal.
Fancy Pillow, May Lupton.
Fruit cake, J. H. Andrews.

A number of fancy and useful articles will be sold at a bargain this afternoon. The fair will open at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. In the evening the fair will be open for the last time and will close with an extensive program and the conclusion of the contests for the popular prizes, including the ticket for a trip to Seattle and return.

TO SHOW FOR SKAGWAY

Clancy Theatre to Give a Special Benefit Performance.

The management of the Clancy theatre is planning to give a special outside performance by all its stars within the next few days for the purpose of raising funds for the city fire department. The exact date for the show has not been fixed, but the talent is in the harness and ready at any time to appear and do their best to help the undertaking. The entertainment may be given in the Armory hall.

Manager Wray says all the stars of the house will appear, and that first class, clean refined specialty work will be presented. The performers are late from the states where they swung around the circle of the big cities. Among them are the Kramers, Vic Lewis, Dalton and Bell.

Hotel Arrivals.

Occidental—O Swanson, S Harrison, T A Tritton.
Mandarin—O Lawson, C E Downie, C G Sanford, C N Hansen, E W Sanderson.
Pacific—R Hargraves, A Gullen, R J Kugg.

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TRAVEL DAY AND NIGHT

GREAT CHANGE INSIDE

Mail Carrier and Expressman
Hurry Through—One Man Proceeds Days With a Burnt Foot.

Variation of 30 Degrees in 24 Hours in the Interior—Ogilvie Reports 42 Below.

To fully chronicle the experience of the men who brought out the government mail and the Nugget Express matter arriving night before last from Dawson would mean the making of a stirring chapter with incidents of hardship in surmounting a river full of soft and treacherous yet sharp and heaped ice, and the difficulties of traveling along scaly mountain stretches and over partly frozen lakes of ice.

E. Tritton wore out three pairs of moccasins and two pairs of felt shoes on the journey. He and the mail man traveled within four miles of the newly formed ice jam, but he says he will never take the risk of doing so again.

While at Selwyn, only a day or two this side of Dawson, Tritton burned one of his great toes while warming his feet at a fire, and could not wear a stocking on his foot. He mused the remainder of the distance with no covering on the lower part of his leg but the ordinary trousers leg. He wore no undergarment even. He says that although there was snow on the ground it was comparatively warm. He has been a sailor, and in that capacity became inured to hardships.

Man get E. C. Allen offered Tritton a bounty of \$50 if he would overtake the government mail that had left a day or two before. Tritton pluckily set out in the evening and traveled all night, and did not let the team rest until he had covered 72 miles, which took him to Stewart. He overtook the mail 14 miles below Selwyn. Thirty-five miles were made the second day, the two teams traveling in company. They continued in company until the Canadian cutoff was reached. From there the mail was brought forward by horse teams.

The express man continued with dogs, resting only a few hours at a time, and pushing on for many hours at a stretch. On the last stretch, by sled, from White Horse to Caribou, he was up and traveling twenty hours out of twenty-four.

FIREMEN'S CONCERT

Hose Company No. 2 to Give a Grand Concert.

The preparations for the grand concert to be given by Hose Co., No. 2, in their hall on Thursday evening are nearly complete and one of the most enjoyable affairs ever given in the city is promised. The entertainment will be worth the money, and the proceeds will be applied to the uses of the company.

The program to be given follows:

PART ONE
Overture.....Dr. Keller's Orchestra.
Vocal Solo.....E. M. Taylor.
Selection.....Choral Society.
Duet.....Prof. Wall, Miss Clayton.
Selection.....Symphony Mandolin Club.
Recitation.....Mr. Wilson.

PART TWO
Overture.....Keller's Orchestra.
Duet.....Mrs. Whitten and Miss Clayton.
Vocal Solo.....Choral Society.
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Whitten.
Quartet.....Mrs. Whitten, Miss Clayton, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Wilson.
Vocal Solo.....Miss Lottie Clayton.

Humor of Cat Denied.

A. L. Berdoo, auditor of the White Pass & Yukon, states there is no truth in the report that his road is selling tickets from Seattle to Bennett for \$16, thereby discriminating against Skagway. He left Seattle a week ago and had heard of nothing in regard to such a matter there. The regular second class fare from Puget sound to Skagway is \$16. Were the railroad to make the alleged rate and to get its customary sum for the travel from here to Bennett out of the amount, it would leave only \$6 for the steamer's share. I. W. Young, secretary to the manager, says there is no truth in the report so far as he is advised.

For stenographic work and typewriting call on Miss Cora Lewis, 519 Fifth Avenue.

Winter Agonists for Nome Will Be Numerous in January.

"The rush to Nome by the Skagway-Yukon route," says A. L. Berdoo, auditor of the White Pass & Yukon railway, "will be on about January 10th. This is according to the conclusions drawn by Traffic Manager Irwin, of our road."

"He has received many inquiries by letter from many contemplating going this way, and who want to know particulars."

"There will be a large movement of freight by this point and down the lakes and river over the ice as soon as the interior waters freeze."

E. C. Hawkins, general manager for the White Pass & Yukon, will not return to Skagway until after the holidays, and probably not until the middle of January.

RUSH DUE NEXT MONTH

Winter Agonists for Nome Will Be Numerous in January.

George Schwatka, Famous Guide, Petitions Citizens.

George Schwatka, the famous Indian guide, the native who has perhaps done more than any other in helping the United States explore the great territory of Alaska and open the way to civilization and to the wonderful discoveries in the vast interior of the Far North, arrived in Skagway early this morning from his home village on the Chilkat river. He is accompanied by Mrs. L. L. Campbell, his niece, an educated and bright Indian woman. They come to seek influence to have a lasting testimonial in the way of a medal granted by the Great Father at Washington to the guide for his noble services.

The influence sought is the signature of citizens of Alaska to a petition signed by Schwatka himself and witnessed by C. S. Blackett and R. G. Graham. The name on the petition is that of S. R. Pinsky, the United States commissioner at Haines, virtually the home of Schwatka. Two hundred and eight signatures of whites and natives were secured at Haines. The guide and his niece came from Haines on the City of Topeka, and on the way secured the signature of the officers and many of the passengers, among them being United States Commissioner Schibroe, of Skagway, who happened to be aboard.

The guide and his niece are not allowing a valuable time to pass, while they are in Skagway. By the middle of yesterday afternoon they had secured the signatures of many Skagwayans, and were prosecuting the campaign with vigor, regardless of the cold weather and the piercing winds. They will remain here until the next City of Topeka, when they will depart on her for that port, there to get more names.

Schwatka appeared yesterday in his fur parka, large fur gloves and otherwise in regular Indian garb.

He made a striking picture as a typical frontiersman of his tribe. He is of medium height, but stout, and his broad, characteristic Indian face is furrowed with indications of age, while further evidence of the encroachment of old time upon his person is marked in a slight sprinkling of gray in his locks. As he speaks no English, the niece acts as interpreter, presenting the petition and offering the invitation for signatures. While she is doing this Schwatka stands by. Restless and with his dark eyes rolling, he paces back and forth when there is a delay, and at times mutters to himself. But when addressed he brightens and smiles.

Preceding the petition is a short statement by Schwatka and one carrying that romantic vein while at the same time telling the story of his most notable life's work.

"Many years ago," he says in the statement, "when the Stick country (interior of Alaska) was as dark as night to the white man I led the w. w. and row ask the Great On Kow (big chief) at Washington to remember Schwatka, the "Yukon guide."

Schwatka was born in 1849 at Chilkat, in the territory then known as Russia, America, and is a member of the Chilkat Indian tribe.

In his early life he became the guide for Lieutenant Schwatka and Lieutenant Storey, guiding them through the inlets of southwestern Alaska; carrying them over the pass of Chilkat, down through the intricate windings of the Yukon river to the mouth of the Yukon. Then the guide became the guest of Lieutenant Schwatka and was taken to San Francisco. After a short visit there he returned to his native home, and again became the most prominent Indian guide for the white man from salt waters to the head of the Yukon valley, making the trip in government capacity no less than eight times.

At one time Schwatka was a guide over this route for Lieutenant Wells, U. S. A., taking him also through the Yukon valley to Bering sea. He was also, in 1890, the guide of Jack Dalton, the Alaska pathfinder, and V. Glave, the noted African explorer, who gave up his life a few years ago in seeking knowledge of the interior of Africa.

Schwatka, about seventeen years ago, made the trip from Chilkat, Alaska, to San Francisco in a canoe without stopping at any white settlements on the way.

Schwatka was present at Sitka when the territory of Russian America was ceded and by protocol of treaty transferred to the United States.

Passengers to Dawson.

J. L. Gage, manager of the Bennett Transfer and Freightage Company, has received advices from Seattle that fourteen through tickets to Dawson had been sold by his agent there for the first trip of his stage line. The first sleigh of the company will leave for Dawson as soon as Bennett freezes.

Latest style of shirts with cuffs attached at Cheney's Boston store.